

### REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 18, 21-28 and 33-37 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-15, 24-28 and 33-37 were allowed. Claims 16-19 and 21-23 were previously rejected. Claim 20 was objected to. Claims 17, 19, 20 and have 29-32 been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended without prejudice to continued prosecution of claims of same or similar scope in this or another application. No new matter has been added.

### Election/Restrictions

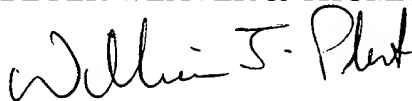
In response to the restriction requirement, claims 29-32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge indication of allowability of claims 1-15, 24-28 and 33-37, and indication of allowability of claim 20 if rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 16 has been amended to include allowable subject matter from claim 20 and all intervening claims.

Based on these amendments, all pending claims now include subject matter previously indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Applicants believe that all the pending claims are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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